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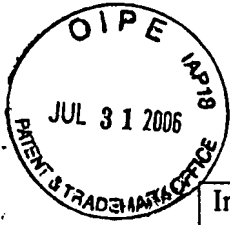
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The reply brief filed 31 July 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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REPLY BRIEF

In response to the Examiner's Answer having a mailing date of May 26, 2006,
Appellants respond as follows:

The Examiner is asserting that the claims are obvious by combining the
Grawrock reference with the *Alexander* reference. In order to do so, the *prima facie*
case of obviousness has to show that one skilled in the art at the time the invention
was made would have been motivated to combine these two references. Appellants

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